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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites reference B1 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicant is enclosing a copy of the listed reference in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). Inasmuch as the listed reference is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the listed reference and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that the enclosed reference, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), Applicant certifies that the item of information identified on the attached Form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Statement. In evidence thereof, a copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

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